

STATE OF CONNECTICUT ♦ COUNTY OF TOLLAND
INCORPORATED 1786

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2011

Members Present: Daniel Parisi (Chairman), Tim Kiessling, Shawn Koehler, Edward Duell

Members Absent: Joe Stimac

Others Present: Town Engineer, Jim Thompson of Buck & Buck; Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. CITIZENS FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

3. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Sewer User Charges

TIME: 7:11

SEATED: D. Parisi, T. Keissling, E. Duell, S. Koehler

PURPOSE OF HEARING IS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGES TO BE ACCESSED UPON OWNERS PERMITTED TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. AT THE HEARING THE OWNERS OF EACH PROPERTY AGAINST WHICH CHARGES ARE TO BE LEVIED SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. ALL CHARGES SHALL BE IN ACCORDENCE WITH THE SEWER USE CHARGE SYSTEM. HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM PROPOSED SEWER USE FEE IS \$215.00 AND CRYSTAL LAKE PROPOSED SEWER USE FEE IS \$255.00.

Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator suggested not raising the rates at this time and in august when it comes up again they will take a good look at and set the rates for more than just 3 months so the Commission doesn't have to do it every six months.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET THE RATES IN HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM AT \$215 AND IN THE CRYSTAL LAKE SEWER SYSTEM AT \$255 AS NOTED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE DATED MARCH 11, 2011.

BY CONSENSUS THE COMMISSION MOVED ITEM #1 OF NEW BUSINESS BEFORE OLD BUSINESS.

1. 114 Pinney Street – Waiver to repair septic system

Mr. Williams noted that Sue Spencer is in the process of purchasing this property and Mr. Williams received a call for the waiver due to how far away the owner is from the sewer system. Mr. Williams explained that when he spoke with the Town Engineer about the distance and it was discovered that the

manhole was one lot over. Mr. Thompson suggested running a main to the house. He suggested having Mr. Thompson look at what it will take to get the main there.

MOVED (KOELHER), SECONDED (KEISSLING) TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ENGINEER TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM, SUBMIT AN ESTIMATE, DISCUSS WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO FIND THE BEST ACTION FOR THIS AND TO SIZE IT FOR THE LOTS ALONG PINNEY STREET .

4. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Windermere Ave. Sewer Extension

Mr. Williams the builders who built Chasseral Meadows had a 10 year agreement for rebates for home owners to connect and the 10 years is up. They would like to discuss maybe getting it extended due to the economy. They were unable to be here tonight and they would like it to be discussed at the next meeting.

BY CONSENSUS THE COMMISSION TABLED THIS TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

2. B & B Letter dated November 18, 2010 – High CO Level

BY CONSENSUS THE COMMISSION TABLED THIS TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

2. Billing

Mr. Williams noted that in December the Water Company called and they stated they will not be doing the bills anymore. He found that the Water Company had agreed to do the billing one more time and Ann Marie will take over and there will be no increase cost at this time to the WPCA.

3. 2010-2011 Budget Review

Mr. Williams stated that in July he prepared the budget numbers for the operating system at the Hockanum sewer system. They have half the year done for 2010-2011 and they are online with budget. The user income will most likely go up due to flow increase. Crystal Lake average is about 40,000 gallons per day which is half of what we have. He calculated the flow of the Hockanum through the town of Vernon's flow. He compared the previous years to this one and there was a jump of 20%. If the flows are up 20% our income should be up 20%.

The Commission reviewed the budget.

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (DUELL) TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AS SUBMITTED.

4. FOG/Wells

Mr. Williams noted there are distances the grease traps have to be from drinking water. So wells need to be away from septic systems and grease traps.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. **Design, Construction, & Maintenance Reports:**

- i. Project 2008-4 Sandy Beach Extension

Mr. Williams stated that he spoke with the Health Department and noted that the resident will not grant them the easement for the manhole. He hasn't heard anything back yet.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

ii. Project 2008-4 Stafford Road Extension

Mr. Williams noted that Jim Thompson has the drawings and he is ready to go out to bid. It is all going to be done within the right of way because there is too costly to put it in the street. Mr. Williams suggested starting the job August 1, 2011.

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (KEISSLING) TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE STAFFORD ROAD SEWER EXTENSION.

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2011.

BY CONSENSUS THIS ITEM WAS TABLED TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KEISSLING) TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KEISSLING) TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KEISSLING) TO GIVE ATTORNEY RYAN THE AUTHORIZATION TO SEND THE LETTER AS DRAFTED ON MARCH 2, 2011 TO PARADISO & MUSKA CONCERNING THE STAFFORD PLANT UPDATE.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristin Michaud